

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification including the drawing and claims;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**A SPLIT STOP FOR AUTOMATIC SWIMMING POOL
COVERS WITH A HYDRAULIC DRIVE SYSTEM**

and described and claimed in the attached specification;

I do not know and do not believe that the same was (1) ever known or used in the United States before my or our invention thereof, or (2) patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or (3) in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application;

The invention has not been patented or made the subject of an Inventor's Certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States, or an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application;

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a); and

No application for patent or Inventor's Certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

NONE

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.